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S. RES. 184

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should support Italy's inclusion as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council if there is to be an expansion of this important international body.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 1998

Mr. D'AMATO (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Italy organized and led a multi-national peace enforcement operation in Albania last spring under United Nations authority to restore order and organize democratic elections;

Whereas Italy provided the second largest United Nations troop contingent in Somalia;

Whereas in 1983 Italy joined the United States in a multilateral force to bring peace and stability to Lebanon and

Italy still participates in the ongoing United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon;

Whereas Italy brokered the peace settlement in Mozambique and led the peacekeeping force that implemented it;

Whereas Italy hosts at Brindisi the sole United Nations logistical base supporting peacekeeping operations worldwide;

Whereas Italy's strategic location in the Mediterranean makes it an indispensable partner in security operations in multiple zones of instability;

Whereas Italy hosts air bases from which the United States and its NATO partners have conducted air operations over the former Yugoslavia;

Whereas Italy is the world's fifth largest economy and next year becomes the U.N.'s fifth largest assessed contributor;

Whereas Italy's contribution to the United Nations is greater than that of Britain, Russia and China, three permanent members of the Security Council;

Whereas President Clinton stated, "Italy has been and continues to be one of our closest allies and strategic partners in the world community"; and

Whereas the United States Department of State has been actively supporting a reorganization plan that would give Germany and Japan permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council, to the exclusion of Italy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) urges the President to oppose any reorga-
2 nization plan for the expansion of the Security
3 Council which does not include Italy;

4 (2) urges the President to support Italy's inclu-
5 sion as a permanent member if there is to be an ex-
6 pansion of the United Nations Security Council; and

7 (3) urges the Department of State to develop a
8 reorganization plan of the United Nations Security
9 Council that would incorporate nations that have
10 played a significant role in fostering world peace and
11 stability such as Italy.

12 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
13 a copy of this resolution to the President and the Sec-
14 retary of State.

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